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REF: A. MEXICO 8820; B. STATE 237367; C. STATE 237368;

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1. GIVEN US CONCERNS MENTIONED REF B, DEPT PERCEIVES THAT MARTECH CONF MIGHT PROVIDE FURTHER AMMUNITION THAT MEXICAN LOS TEAM WOULD USE IN LOS CONFERENCE TO PUSH POSITIONS INIMICAL TO US INTERESTS, OR THAT DISPLAY ENORMOUS AND SOPHISTICATED EXTENT US MARINE TECHNOLOGY MIGHT SERVE TO HARDEN MEXICAN LOS POSITION ON TOPICS MENTIONED. THIS COULD BE TRUE EVEN IF DISCUSSIONS ARE STRICTLY TECHNICAL. CHANCES OF THIS HAPPENING WOULD BE MATERIALLY LESSENED IF MEXICAN LOS TEAM NOT RPT NOT AVAILABLE TO ATTEND CONFER-
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ENCE. THUS DEPT FEELS STRONGLY THAT MARTECH CONF SHOULD

BE HELD AFTER OPENING LOS CONF WHEN MEXICAN LOS TEAM
WILL BE MAINLY IN NEW YORK.

2. DEPT HAS BEEN IN CONTACT LOS REPS ALL AGENCIES
MENTIONED REF D. ALL SHARE CONCERNS REF B AND ARE EX-
PLORING POSSIBLE AGENCY PARTICIPANTS ON STRICTLY TECHNICAL
LEVELTAKING INTO ACCOUNT LOS CONCERNS.INFO ON THIS
WILL BE PROVIDED AS UNCLASSIFIED FOLLOW- TO REF C.

DEPT ACTION OFFICER WILLIAM A. ERB (OES/OFA/MSO
632-0650) WILL COORDINATE UNCLASSIFIED RESPONSE. MTS
ALSO UNDERSTANDS CONCERNS AND WILL COOPERATE IN
RECRUITING NON-GOVERNMENT PARTICIPANTS.

3. COAST GUARD WISHES AVOID CONFLICT SYMPOSIUM ON
PREVENTION POLLUTION FROM SHIPS IN ACAPULCO 22-31
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